



MEMORANDUM

To: PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: September 26, 2006

From: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Subject: ADOPTION OF HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT

REQUEST

The Planning Commission is requested to review the Historic Context Statement and forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Application, ZA-04-05: Adopt Resolution recommending Council adoption of the Historic Context Statement

BACKGROUND/CASE ANALYSIS

On August 8, 2006, the Commission reviewed and provided comments on the City's Draft Historic Context Statement. The Historic Context Statement is a living document which describes the significant broad patterns of development in Morgan Hill and provides a context for relating a property or structure to a significant theme of Morgan Hill's history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and cultural past. The context statement will provide the basis for updating the City's Historic Resources Inventory and Preservation Ordinance.

Since the August 8 meeting, the Historic Context Statement has been revised/updated to address comments received from the Planning Commission, City staff and the general public. It should be noted that only information for which primary sources could be cited were incorporated into the revised report. The following changes were also incorporated into the document: 1) representative properties were assigned to specific historic context themes; 2) Section 1.5, Next Phase, was added in Chapter One; 3) 'Santa Clara Valley before 1850' was added under Section 3.3 in Chapter Three; 4) the Historic Context Theme 3 name was changed from 'Municipal Development' to 'Community Growth and Development'; and 5) additional photographs were included. The revised Historic Context Statement was distributed to Planning Commissioners on Friday, Sept. 15 and an electronic version was posted on the City's website on Monday, Sept 18.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution, recommending Council adoption of the Historic Context Statement.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL RECOMMENDING CITY
COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE HISTORIC CONTEXT
STATEMENT**

WHEREAS, such request was considered by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting of August 8, 2006, and continued to September 26, 2006, at which time the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Historic Context Statement; and

WHEREAS, testimony received at a duly-noticed public hearing, along with exhibits and drawings and other materials have been considered in the review process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MORGAN HILL PLANNING COMMISSION DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The approved project is consistent with the Zoning Ordinance and the General Plan.

SECTION 2. The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission recommends to the City Council adoption of the Historic Context Statement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2006, AT A REGULAR
MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

FRANCES O. SMITH, Deputy City Clerk

ROBERT J. BENICH, Chair